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## REPORT OF THE CONCHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The growth of the collection of mollusks during the year has been satisfactory. The total number of accessions, 2,705, although less than in several years, comprises a large amount of material preserved in alcohol and also more species new to the collection than have been added in any year since the A. D. Brown Collection was received.

The chief accessions are as follows: Over 800 species of Japanese mollusks received from Mr. Y. Hirase, of Kyoto, Japan; a large lot of South Sea shells collected by C. D. Voy in 1872-3, and presented by Mrs. Annie P. Cope; a small series of shells from Hawaii and Torres Strait, sent to our Treasurer, Mr. Roberts, by Mr. D. Thaanum, consisting largely of species new to the collection, and a second collection from British East Africa from Dr. A. Donaldson Smith. The series of American mollusks has been increased by about 200 species from the Galapagos and Cocos Islands, collected by an expedition from Leland Stanford, Jr. University; a selected series from the Gulf of California from Mr. J. G. Malone, and a small series of C. B. Adams' Panama shells; while Messrs. E. H. Ashmun, A. C. Billups, G. H. Clapp, T. D. A. Cockerell, M. J. Elrod, J. H. Ferriss, Dr. Henry Skinner, Bryant Walker, and many others have added valuable material to the collection of United States mollusks, both dry and in alcohol. A portion of this material has been worked up by Mr. Vanatta and the Conservator in special papers.

The Academy purchased 328 species of air-breathing prosobranch snails new to the collection. Progress has been made in the rearrangement of the Pelecypoda and the alcoholic collection. The remainder of the *Bulimulidae* and the genus *Cerion* have been revised in the progress of monographs of these groups.

The officers elected at the annual meeting, held December 5, 1901, are as follows:

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Uselma C. Smith.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	John Ford.
<i>Recorder and Librarian,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Edward J. Nolan.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Charles W. Johnson.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	S. Raymond Roberts.
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Henry A. Pilsby.

The continued assistance of Mr. E. G. Vanatta has largely increased the work accomplished in the department. Advice and assistance have also been rendered by Mr. C. W. Johnson and other members of the Museum Committee.

H. A. PILSBRY,

*Conservator.*

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#### REPORT OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION.

The usual meetings have been held and entomological communications of interest and scientific value have been made by members and associates. The attendance has been good, the average being fourteen persons.

Seven associates have been elected during the year.

The *Entomological News and Proceedings of the Entomological Section of The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia* has been continued with increased success. During the year the twelfth volume has been completed with three hundred and twenty-eight pages and thirteen plates.

The Section has had a very eventful year, due to the large and valuable additions of specimens to the collections of the department. Two representative collections of Hymenoptera have been presented: the Cresson Collection and the collection of Gallflies made by Mr. Homer F. Bassett, of Waterbury, Conn. The former collection contains 2,367 types and 3,511 species and the number of specimens is estimated at 87,775. The Bassett Collection contains 315 boxes, estimated to contain 6,300 specimens and over 300 types. The collection of Orthoptera made and presented to the Section by Mr. J. A. G. Rehn numbers 1,653 specimens. In addition the Academy has purchased 3,500 specimens. These collections, in conjunction with the material already in the possession of the Section, form the best museum collection of these insects in America. The Conservator has added over a thousand specimens collected in San Miguel county, N. M., during the summer. About forty species of these are new to science, and many are new to the collection. The specimens added to the cabinets during the year will number nearly 104,000.